

I am asking you to vote YES on SB772 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors. Unfortunately, NDs are not being fairly compensated for their valuable contributions to healthcare in Oregon. This makes it more difficult for NDs to stay in practice and deliver this essential and unique level of care. It also places them at a great economic disadvantage to their healthcare peers, making it difficult to repay student loans, raise their families, and give back to the community. Alongside this, it limits access to healthcare and choice of healthcare for many individuals and families in the community.

I personally have benefitted greatly from receiving care from an ND. I have discovered health issues my general practitioner (MD) was unable to help with, and am now on a road to a healthy adult life. I don't believe I would be on this path without the work of my ND, the care I have received from them, and their attention to me as a patient. I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. The level of education, support and competent care that I have received has not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system.

Thank you for your consideration.